

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the present application:

**Listing of the Claims:**

1. (Canceled).
2. (Currently amended) A registered jack as claimed in claim ~~[[1]]~~ 6 wherein the retainer is installed by a permanent fastening process.
3. (Canceled).
4. (Currently amended) A registered jack as claimed in claim ~~[[1]]~~ 6 wherein the retainer provides access to the rear end of the insert.
5. (Currently amended) A registered jack as claimed in claim ~~[[1]]~~ 6 wherein the registered jack is selected from the group consisting of RJ11; RJ11C; RJ11W; RJ14C; RJ14W; RJ25C; RJ31X; RJ38X; RJ45S; RJ48C; RJ48S; RJ48X; and RJ61X.
6. (Currently amended) ~~A registered jack as claimed in claim 1~~ An improved gel-protected registered telephone jack of the type including a housing, a cavity in the housing, a rear opening in the housing communicating with the cavity to permit positioning of an insert that connects permanent telephone wires to spring connectors, a front opening in the housing communicating with the cavity to receive a plug so as to make contact between wires in the plug and the spring connectors with a gel on the spring connectors to prevent corrosion of the connectors, the improvement comprising: a retainer to bind the insert to the housing and thereby limit fore-and-aft translational movement of the insert within the cavity, wherein the retainer includes a bar having two ends extending across the rear opening and having two ends rigidly joined to the housing and a portion of the bar between the two ends

rigidly joined to the insert.

7. (Original) A registered jack as claimed in claim 6 wherein the bar is surface mounted on the housing.

8. (Currently amended) A registered jack as claimed in claim ~~[[1]]~~ 6 wherein the bar is ultrasonically welded to the insert.

9. (Currently amended) A registered jack as claimed in claim ~~[[1]]~~ 6 wherein the retainer is ultrasonically welded to the insert and the housing.

10-23. (Canceled).

24. (New) A registered jack as claimed in claim 6 wherein the retainer includes two lugs, installed opposing each other.

25. (New) A registered jack as claimed in claim 24 wherein the lugs are ultrasonically welded to the housing.